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SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS

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**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG--WITH GREAT
RELUCTANCE--PRESENTS HIS FRIENDLY NEMESIS**

KNUCKLES

IN AN ALL-NEW MINI-SERIES!

**FEATURING THE
MYSTERY
OF
?**

ARCHIMEDES...

**AND AN EXTRA-SPECIAL
GUEST APPEARANCE BY
THE**

CHAOTIX™

**SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
TURN THE PAGE...
'CAUSE THE WONDERMENT
IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!**

Of the countless natural wonders on the planet Mobius, none can compare to the awe and majesty of the fabled FLOATING ISLAND.

Its secrets, including those of the legendary CHAOS EMERALD, are preserved and protected by KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA. He is the most current sentinel in a long line of guardians.

Though forever apart from the affairs of those who dwell below, the island has its own unique tales of triumph and tragedy. Raised to lofty heights by the power of science, technology would eventually prove a double-edged sword... and a culture's ultimate downfall.

Once home to the most advanced society in living memory, the land has since reverted back to wilderness. But buried deep beneath the shadow of MOUNT FATE, lie signposts to a checkered past – and the artifacts of days perhaps best forgotten.

Still, history has a knack for refreshing the memories of those who fail to heed its lessons.

And that is where our story begins...

PAT SPRZG

DEEP WITHIN THE BOWELS OF
THE FABLED FLOATING ISLAND
ABOVE PLANET MOBIUS...

...A VAST UNDERGROUND COMPLEX
IS ABOUT TO BE INVADED!

HMM...

THE ANCIENTS GUARD
THEIR SECRETS WELL!

CHAMBER'S LOUSY WITH
MOTION-SENSORS...

EVERYTHING
FROM TRIPWIRES
TO PRESSURE
PLATES...

...TO COMPLEX
INFRARED
ARRAYS!

TRAPDOORS AND
DEADFALLS FAR AS
THE ELECTRIC EYE
CAN SEE!

BOOBY
TRAPS BOTH
RIDICULOUS...

...AND
EXOTIC!

NO WAY CAN I CROSS
THE ROOM WITHOUT SETTING
AT LEAST ONE OF 'EM OFF!

SO...

SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS
KNUCKLES

RITES of PASSAGE!

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...I'LL JUST
HAVE TO
IMPROVISE!

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KA-BOOM!

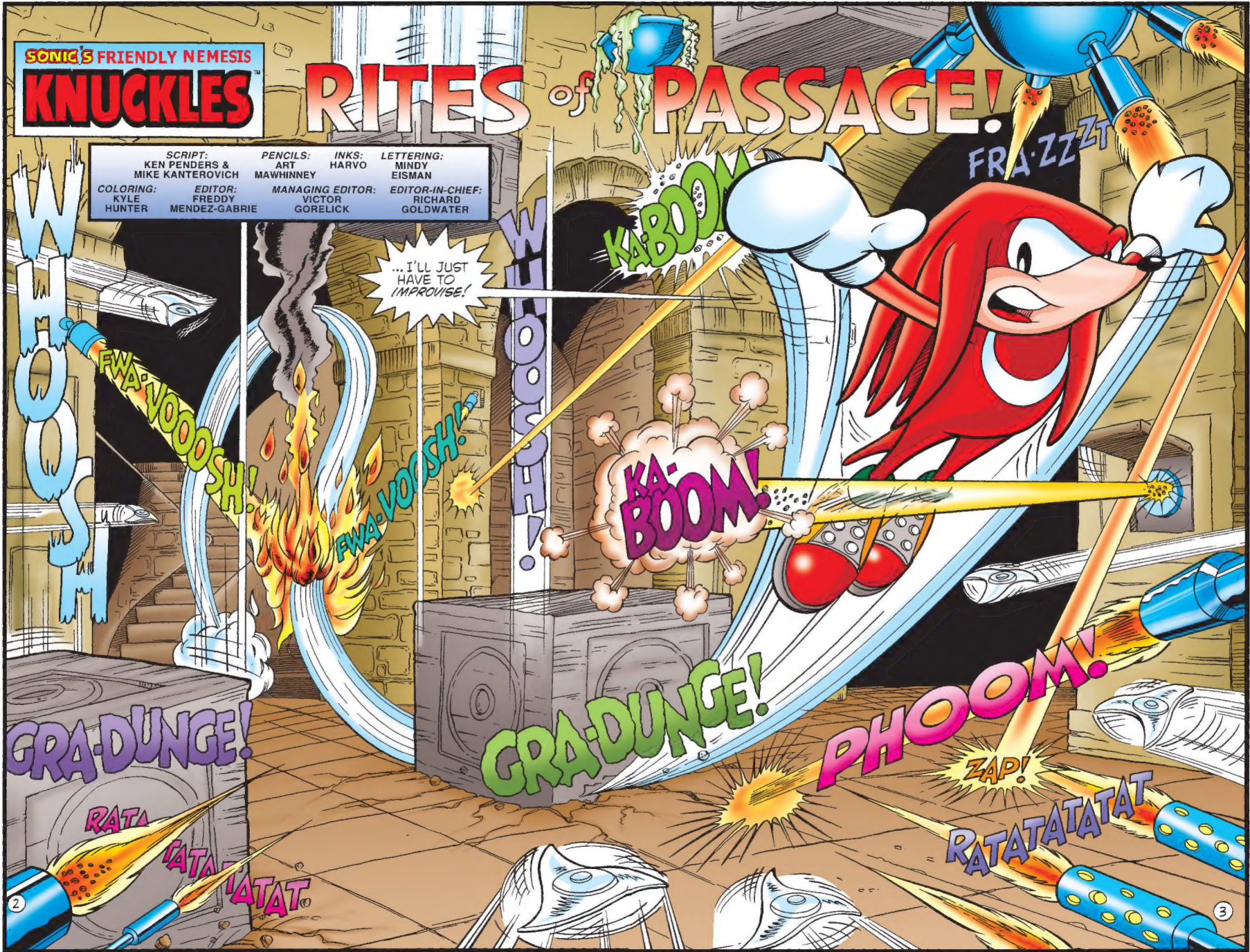
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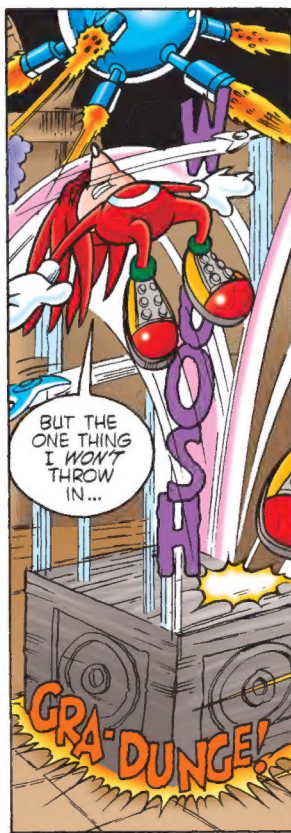
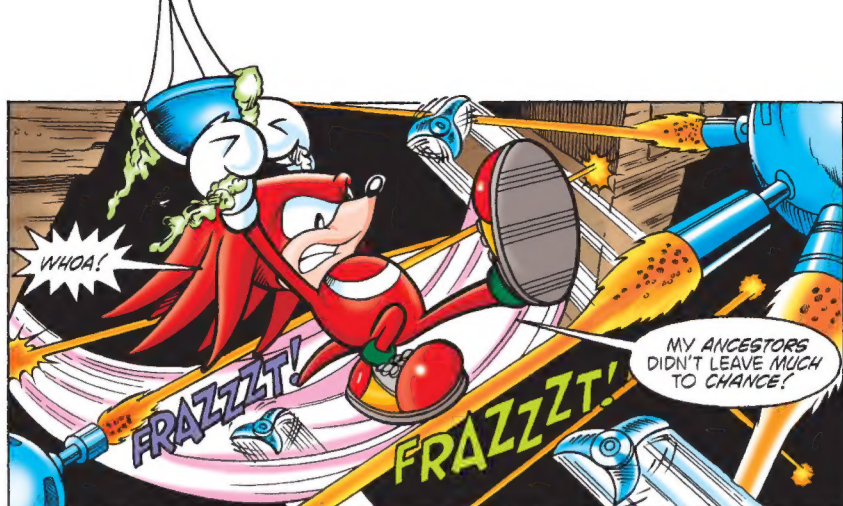
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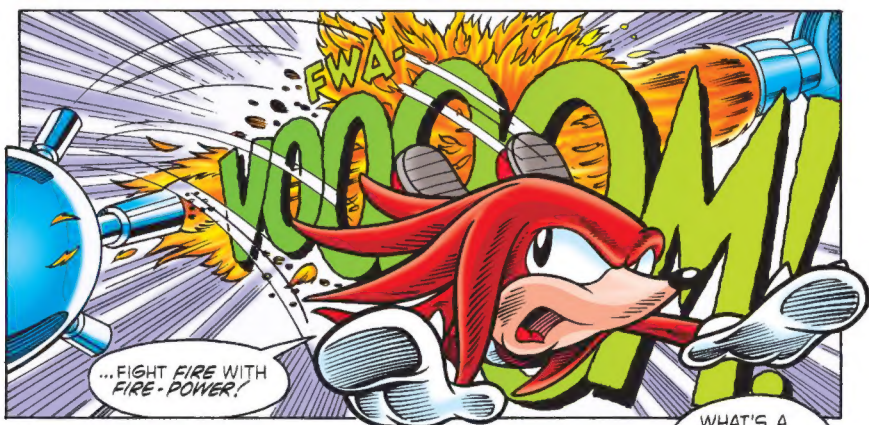
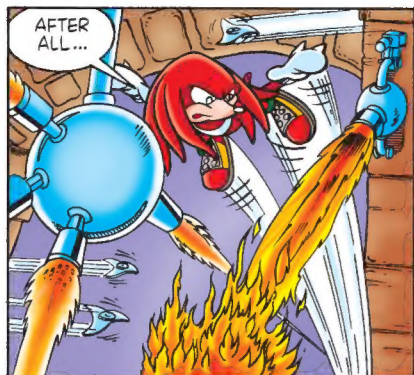
ZAP!

RATATATAT

RATATAT







SAME WAY I ALWAYS DO--

--BY LEAPING WITHOUT LOOKING!

AND WHEN I WASN'T LOOKING...

"...ARCHIMEDES KIDNAPPED THE CHAOTIX!"

"HE'D BEEN PLAGUING ME FOR WEEKS WITH TAUNTS AND RIDDLES-- BUT THAT WAS THE LAST STRAW!"

* SONIC SELECT VOL. 2

"... ONLY TO FIND MOUNT FATE!"

"I SEARCHED FOR ANSWERS..."

"DAD OFTEN SPOKE OF THE MYTHS AND LEGENDS WHICH CENTER AROUND IT..."

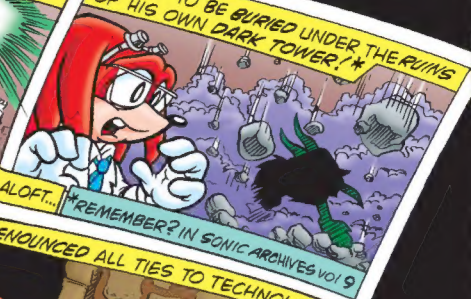
"... DATING BACK TO WHEN OUR HOME-LAND FIRST TOUCHED THE SKY!"

"GENERATIONS LATER, BROTHERS EDMUND AND DIMITRI SOUGHT TO RETURN THIS ISLAND TO MOBIUS..."

* AS CHRONICLED IN SONIC ARCHIVES #9

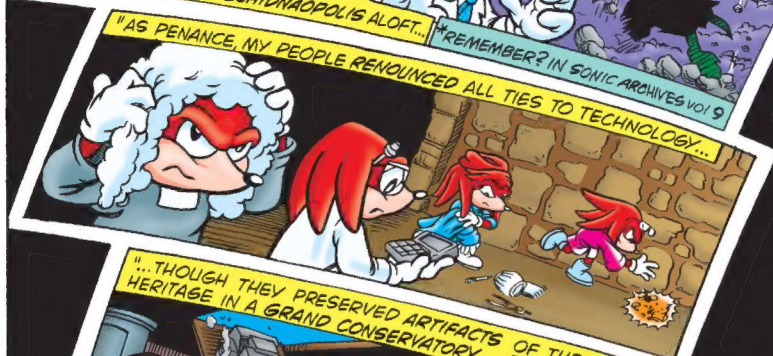


"... BUT DIMITRI'S ARROGANCE
WOULD PROVE ECHIDNA SOCIETY'S DOWNFALL!

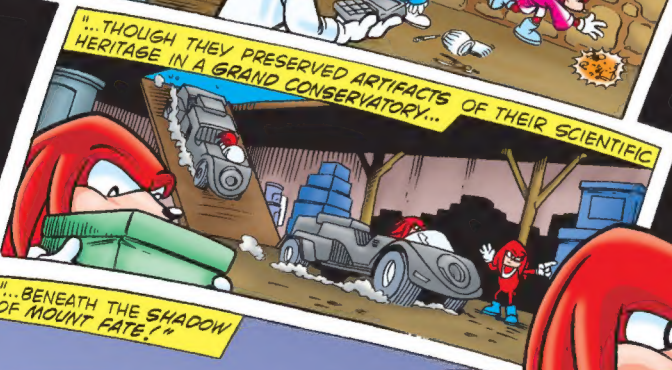


"... ONLY TO BE BURIED UNDER THE RUINS
OF HIS OWN DARK TOWER! *

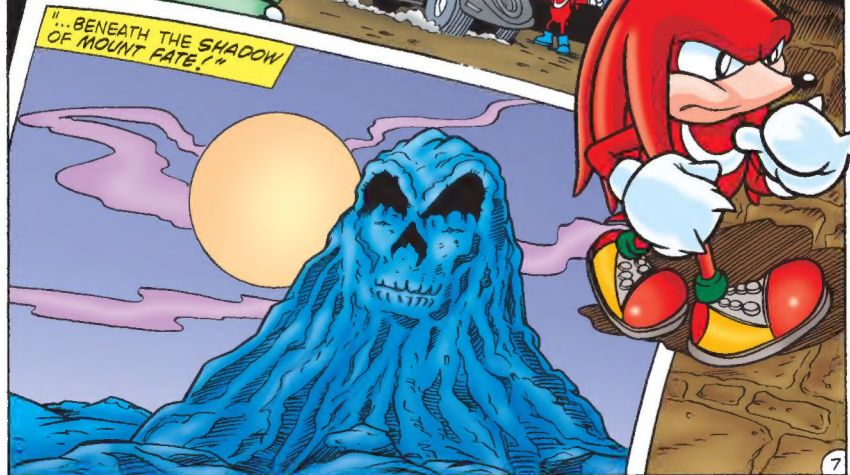
"HE ABSORBED THE ENERGIES
OF ELEVEN OF THE TWELVE CHAOS
EMERALDS WHICH HELD ECHIDNAPOPOLIS ALOFT..



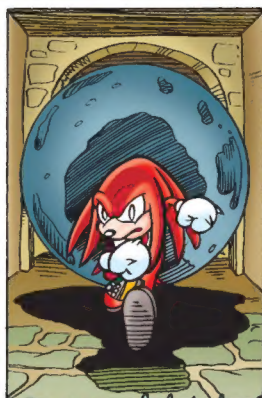
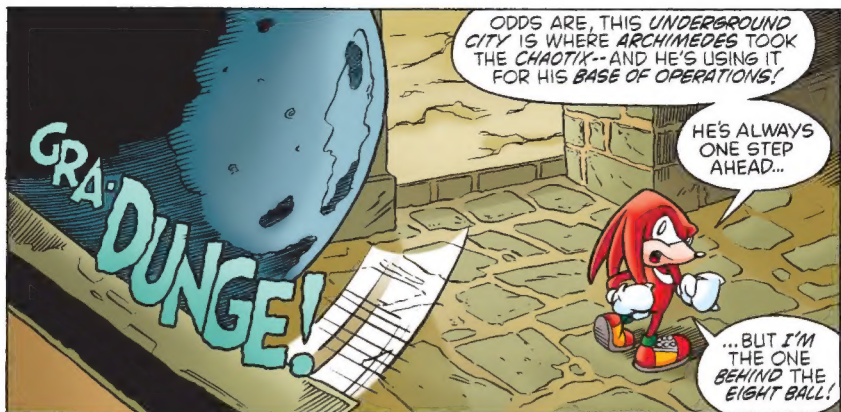
"AS PENANCE, MY PEOPLE RENOUNCED ALL TIES TO TECHNOLOGY...
*REMEMBER? IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL 9



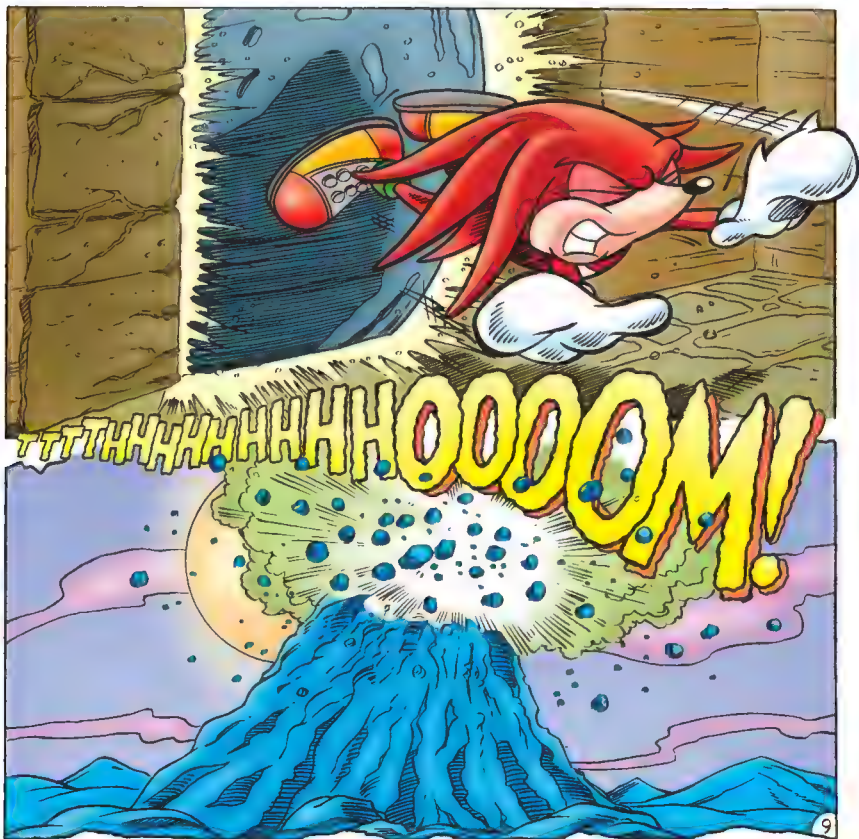
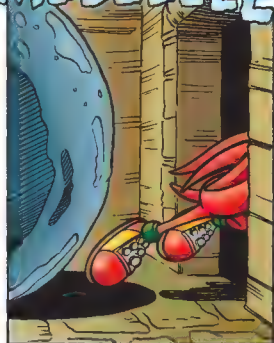
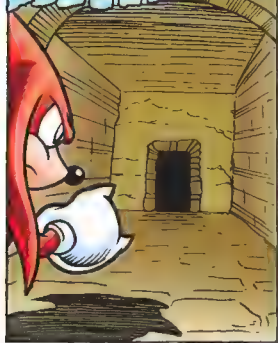
"... THOUGH THEY PRESERVED ARTIFACTS OF THEIR SCIENTIFIC
HERITAGE IN A GRAND CONSERVATORY...

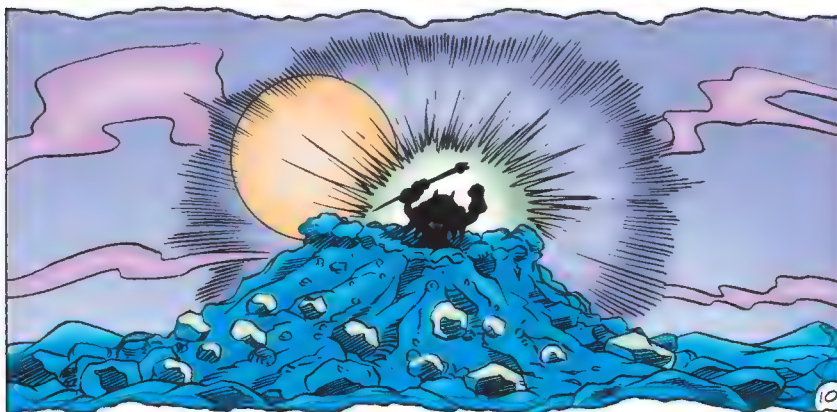
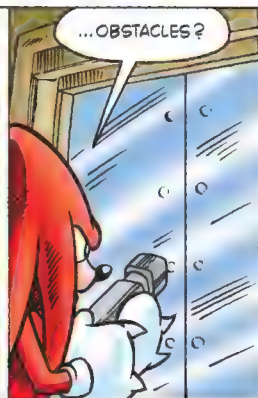
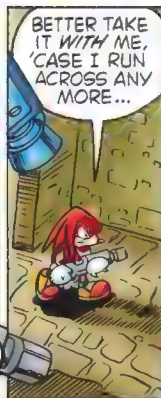
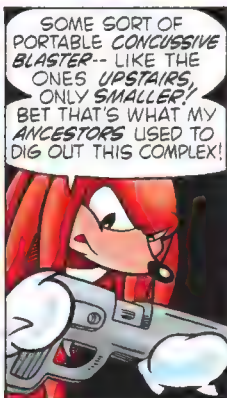
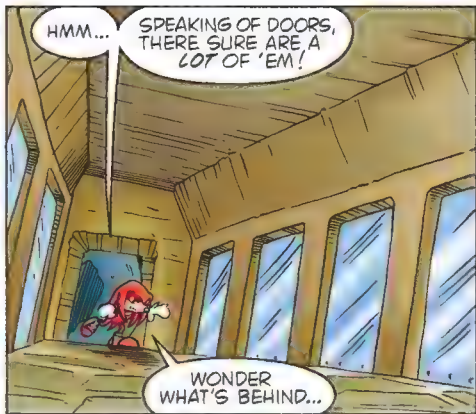


"... BENEATH THE SHADOW
OF MOUNT FATE!"



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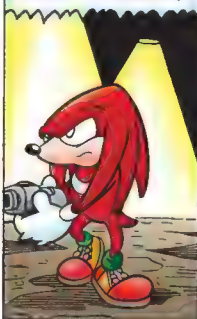




"WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT? YOUR FRIENDS...OR THE THREAT TO THE FLOATING ISLAND?"



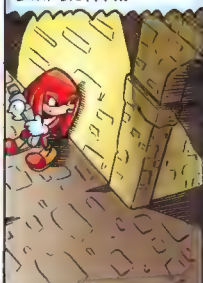
"HAD YOU FOUGHT TOGETHER, INSTEAD OF SEPARATELY, YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE!"



"STILL, INTELLIGENCE ASIDE, YOUR PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN...ADEQUATE."



"TURNING THE CONSERVATORY'S DEFENSES AGAINST THEMSELVES WAS ELEGANT IN ITS SIMPLICITY..."

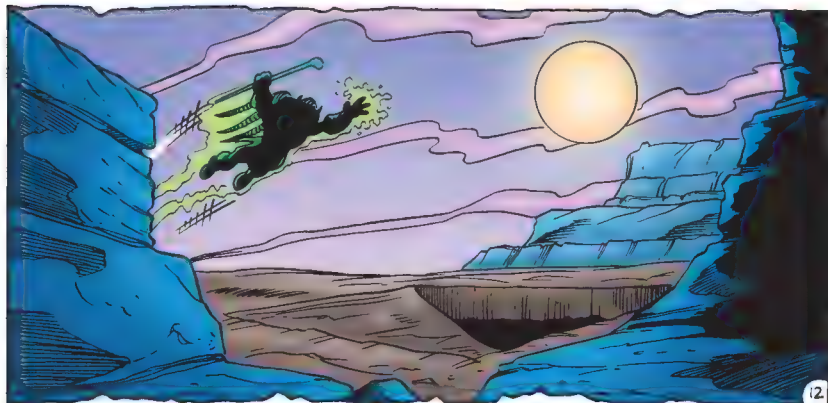
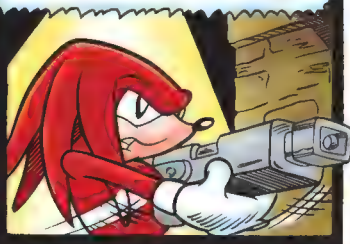


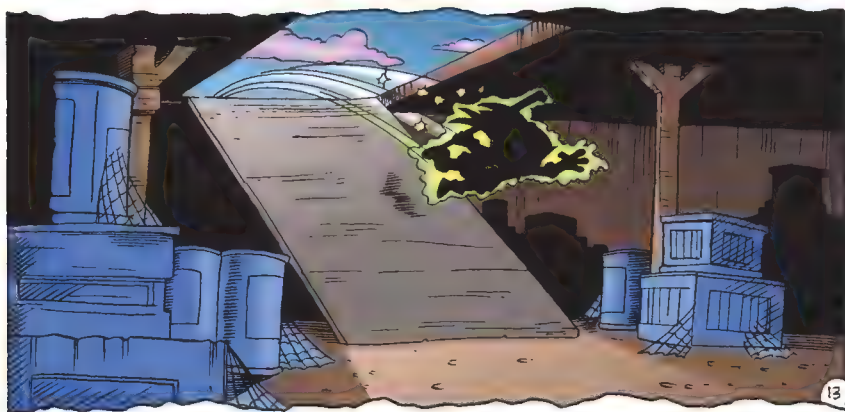
"...ALTHOUGH A TRIFLE MELODRAMATIC!"

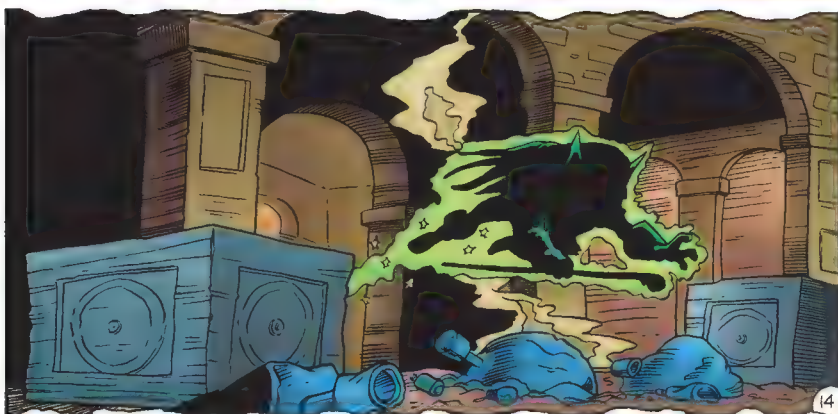
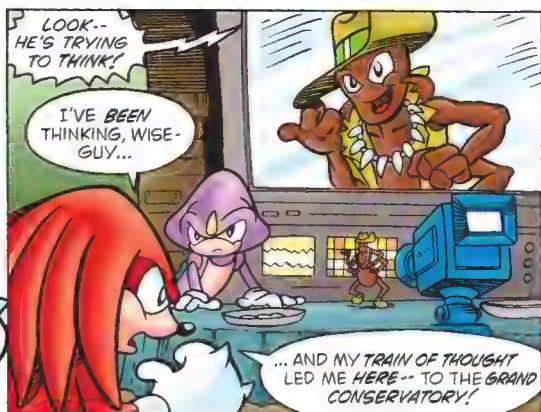


"STILL, YOU CORRECTLY REASONED THAT THE KEY TO THE PRESENT LIES IN YOUR PAST."

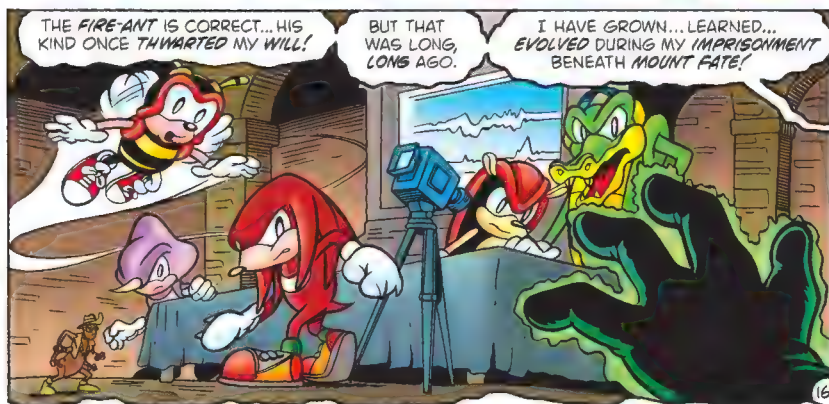
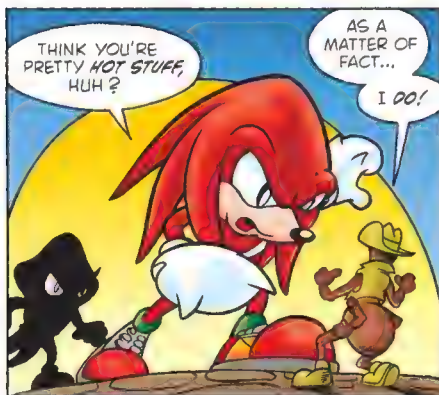
"THAT THE PATH BEST GUARDED HOLDS BOTH THE MOST PERIL..."









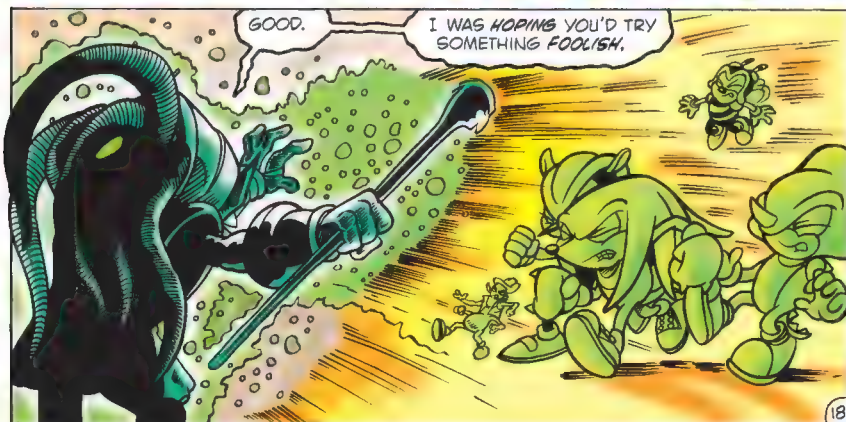


THE ECHIDNA
SCIENTIST DIMITRI
IS NO MORE!

TODAY...

...ENERJAK
REIGNS
SUPREME!









THERE.



NOW THAT YOUR EXPECTED
SHOW OF *RESISTANCE* HAS BEEN
EXTINGUISHED, EVENTS MAY PROCEED
IN AN *ORDERLY* FASHION!

THOUGH
ECHIDNAOPOLIS
HAS LONG SINCE
FALLEN...

...MY DREAMS
OF CONQUEST
YET ENDURE!

THESE... "CHAOTIX"... COULD
PROVE *USEFUL* TO ME IN THE
WORLD THAT IS COMING!

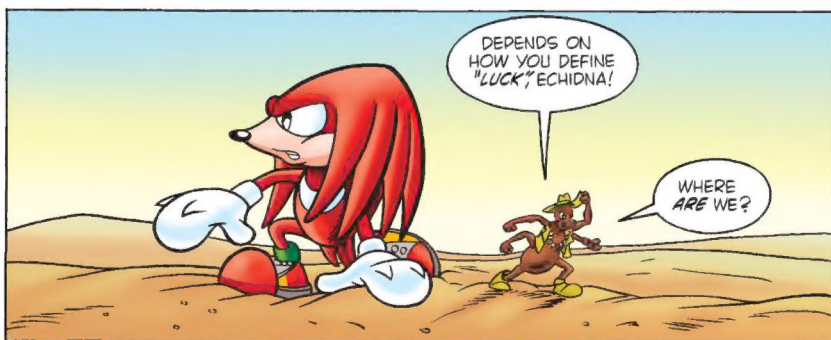
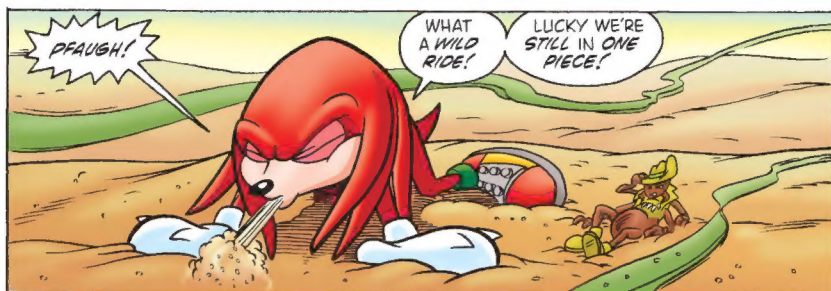
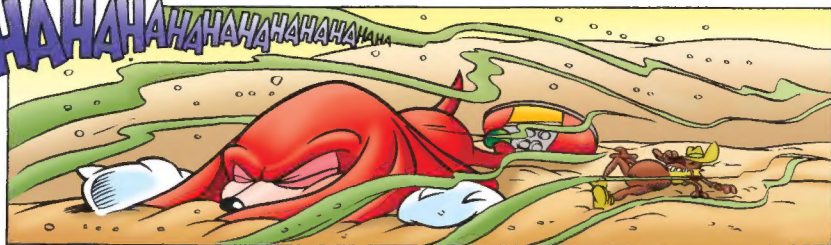
BUT YOU... THE
DESCENDENTS OF THOSE WHO
ARRANGED MY DEFEAT...

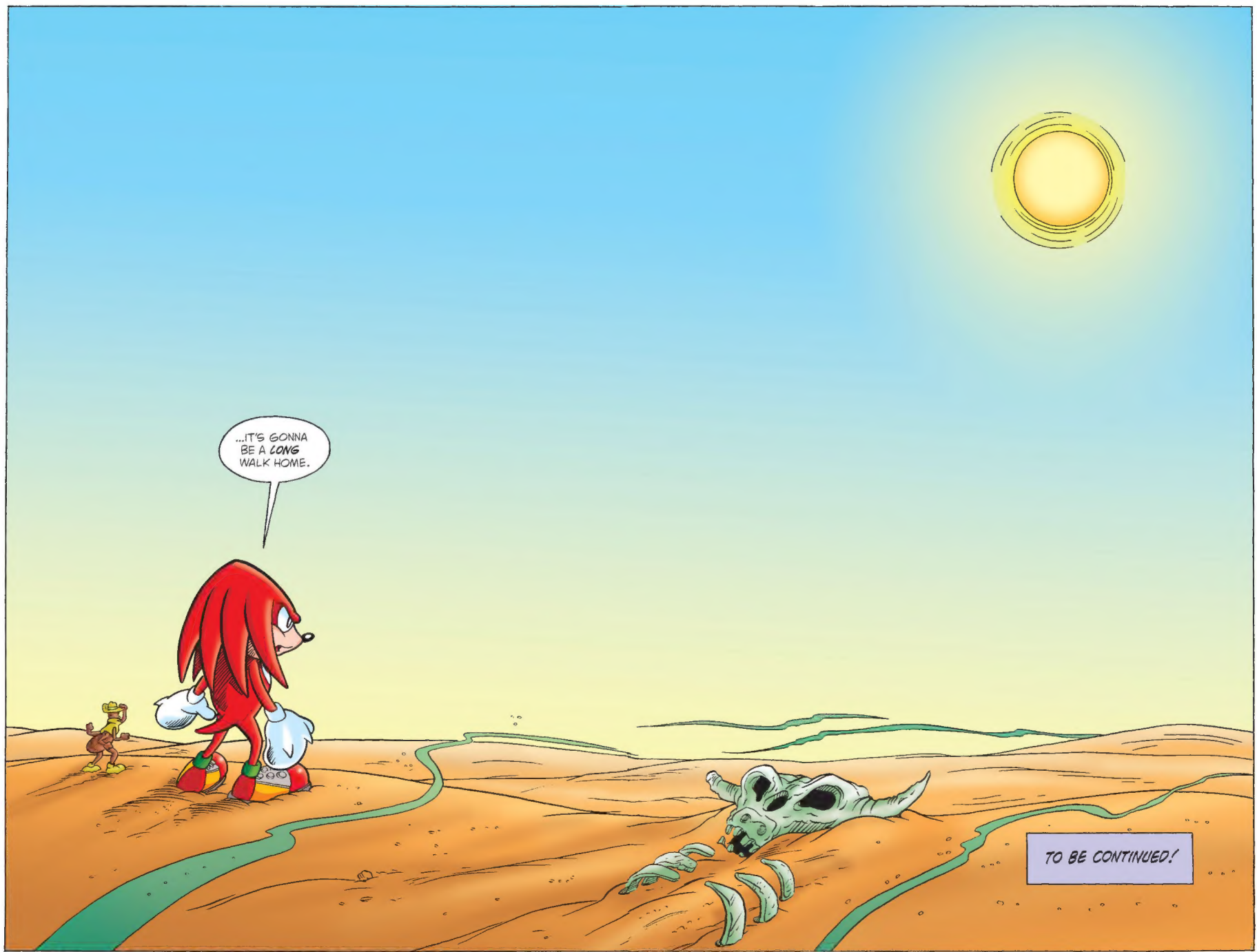


...DESERVE
A *BETTER*
FATE!



HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA





...IT'S GONNA
BE A LONG
WALK HOME.

TO BE CONTINUED!